GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3299
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2005
CHILDREN IN JAIL
Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has sought informations from the various States regarding the children languishing in jails in contravention of children's Act;

(b) if so, whether any directive has been issued by the Union Government in this regard to the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether in view of the magnitude of the problem of the suffering children, the Union Government has considered the desirability of having a fresh look at the entire legislation in this regard and its administration; and

(e) if so, the details and the result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) (b) & (c) The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, inter-alia, provides for juvenile in conflict with law to be lodged in observation homes pending inquiry and not to be put in jails. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has been regularly impressing upon the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations need for proper implementation of the Act. However, no information has been sought on children in jails.

(d) & (e) Review of the provisions of the Act is an ongoing process.